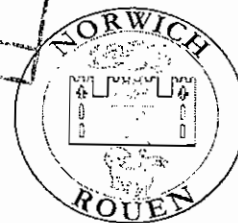


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*The Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich – Rouen
Friendship Association*

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From the Chairman

It was very good to see so many members and friends at the second evening at St Benedict's Restaurant for another excellent meal with tutored wines, preceded by another film show from the archives of Film East and Pôle Image in Normandie. Our thanks go to June Perkins and Ann Rowe for organising this, and to Jane from Film East, and the St Benedict's Restaurant.

Our **Annual Dinner** is very early this year: **Thursday, 3 February**, and all the details for this year's meal are enclosed on a separate sheet with a tear-off slip to return to June Perkins as soon as you can, but in any case **before Friday, 21 January**. Yes, it is that quick! The details have just been finalised with the College now they are back from the Christmas holidays. I hope you will agree that they have again suggested a very interesting menu, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Ann Rowe would normally look after receiving your replies, but she and Chris will be away skiing at that time.

Ann will, however, be the person to whom your annual subscriptions should be sent, and you will be hearing from her very soon. We have not felt the need to look for an increase in our subs this year, but we may have to look at a slight increase next year.

Work Experience Trainees

Last year I received two students on work experience from Rouen, one in the summer, and one went back just before Christmas. These are girls preparing to become personal assistants to managers of businesses, and while I am certainly not a manager in business, they clearly enjoyed their time working with me in my office at school. They were happy to do any job I gave them and were indeed a great help all round. If there is anyone else who could give a student a work experience placement for 6 weeks this year, there are 3 girls looking for places. It doesn't cost us anything, and they pay for their own accommodation. One important thing is that they get an opportunity to improve their English. They are the equivalent of post A level students. I have more details which I would be pleased to give.

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on **23 March 2011** in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. Please pass nominations for the committee to Ann Rowe, Secretary, 18 The Ramblers, Poringland, Norwich NR14 7QN, together with any other matters relating to AGM business, including apologies for absence. Her email address is: ann18rowe@yahoo.co.uk

Visit to Rouen in May 2011

The dates for this year's visit are **Saturday, 28 May to Wednesday, 1 June**. This is virtually the same time that our friends came over to see us last year, and gives us an opportunity to visit in early summer. Several years ago we visited the gardens at Giverny and we hope to go again this year. As we shall be there on a Sunday this time we shall have the opportunity of going to the Sunday market in Rouen, which I understand, is quite big, and also on the Sunday, we are hoping that Nadine Goselin, their Chairman, will be able to give us a guided tour of the old, now disused, church of St Ouen in Rouen. Plans for the third day have yet to be completely finalised but we are hoping to visit in more detail the area we drove through last time on our way to Dieppe. Full details, including the cost, will be available when we have had confirmation from a coach company as to the cost of a coach for five days. Those of you who have friends in Rouen may like to contact them already to find out if you would be able to stay with them at this time. Unlike us, it is not a holiday weekend in France so most people will probably be at home. We can arrange hotel accommodation for those who prefer to stay in a hotel, and the youth hostel in Rouen, (brand new!) looks very good. More details later.

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